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## OPERATION SCOPE TARGETS NON COMPLIANT SEX OFFENDERS IN STARK COUNTY

**Canton, Ohio** – The Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier and U.S. Marshal Peter J. Elliott announced the completion of Operation SCOPE (Stark County Operation Predator Enforcement). Operation SCOPE was a 2 phase operation in which the agencies pooled staffing and resources to conduct a countywide initiative to target non-compliant sex offenders. The first phase of the operation occurred during the week of April 7, 2014. During that week, officers from several local, state and federal agencies teamed up to verify the residence of every registered sex offender living within Stark County. Teams of officers checked on over 630 registered sex offenders and discovered that 34 were in violation of the Ohio Sex Offender Registry for failing to register their current address. The Stark County Sheriff's Office worked with the Stark County Prosecutor to charge all non-compliant sex offenders with violations of the sex offender registry. From April to June, members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF) arrested 20 of the 34 offenders.

On June 5th and June 6<sup>th</sup>, members of the NOVFTF organized a roundup to target the remaining 14 targets of this operation. Over the course of these 2 days, task force members arrested 5 offenders wanted for violations of the sex offender registry and 3 offenders wanted for new sex crime offenses.

The U.S. Marshals and the Stark County Sheriff's Office are asking the public for help in locating 3 of the remaining wanted sex offenders. They are:



**Scott W. Turner**- 46 year old black male with black hair and brown eyes; weighing 150lbs and standing 6'01" tall. Tuner is required to register as a sex offender based on a conviction of Gross Sexual Imposition. This victim in that case was 7 years old.



**Daniel J. Guido**- 60 year old white male with brown/grey hair and brown eyes; weighing 205lbs and standing 5'04" tall. Guido is required to register as a sex offender based on a conviction of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor. This victim in that case was 16 years old.



**Antonio Farmer**- 47 year old black male with black hair and brown eyes; weighing 165lbs and standing 5'09" tall. Farmer is required to register as a sex offender based on a conviction of Rape. This victim in that case was 15 years old.

Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier said, "This was an extraordinary effort in seeking out over 630 sex offenders. Manpower was essential in this operation and it was made possible due to the planning and support of the U.S. Marshals. The U.S. Marshals supplied us with men and women and resources that made this operation a success at no cost to the citizens of Stark County. I look forward to continuing to work with the U.S. Marshals in this great endeavor."

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, "We will work with all members of the law enforcement community to ensure that the children in this country are safe from predators. This operation was possible due to the assistance and support of all the law enforcement agencies within Stark County."



The operation included assistance from the following law enforcement agencies: Brewster Police, Canton Police, Navarre Police, North Canton Police, Perry Township Police, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Stark County Intense Supervised Probation, Stark County Park District, Stark County Sheriff's Office, Uniontown Police and the United States Marshals Service.

To search for sex offenders in Stark County, review safety tips, and learn more about your local Sheriff's office efforts, please visit <http://www.sheriff.co.stark.oh.us/>, and click on the tab indicated as "Sexual Offenders". The registry will allow you to enter any local address and search for registered sex offenders.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the lead law enforcement agency responsible for investigating sex offender registration violations and related offenses in connection with violations of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, which was enacted July 27, 2006. As part of this Act, the U.S. Marshals Service has been directed to assist state, local, tribal and territorial authorities in the location and apprehension of non-compliant and fugitive sex offenders. Offenders that are found residing out of state can be charged federally and often those charges carry more severe penalties. To learn more, please visit: [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov)

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of a known fugitive is encouraged to contact the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at **1-866-4WANTED** or Text keyword **WANTED** and tip to **TIP411 (847411)** Tipsters can remain anonymous and reward money is available.

*The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force – Canton Division is composed of the following federal, state and local agencies: U.S. Marshals Service, Brewster Police, Canton Police, Navarre Police, North Canton Police, Perry Township Police, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Stark County Intense Supervised Probation, Stark County Park District, Stark County Sheriff's Office and the Uniontown Police Department.*